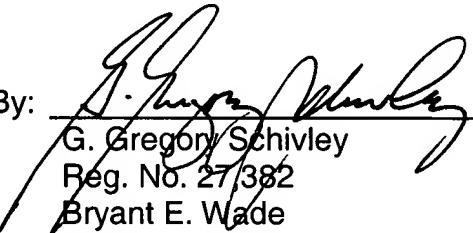


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 and 9 are now pending in the application. The purpose of this amendment is to correct typographical matters in the specification and to amend claim 1. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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